

MEMORANDUM

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File No. 03-082506

TO: Pierce County Planning Dept. Environmental Coordinator, DOE
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Puyallup Indian Tribe Squaxin Indian Tribe
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Rainier Timber Co., Proponent

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SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF
NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Forest Practice Application #2409327; The applicant is proposing timber harvest and road construction on approximately 74.2 acres that have associated unstable and potentially unstable soils. Features within and/or adjacent to the proposed harvest unit that have been identified as unstable or potentially unstable are deep-seated landslides, inner gorges, bedrock hollows as well as other indicators of instability. The applicant hired LaManna Geosciences Inc. to identify these landforms; a geotech report is on file at the DNR region office. Located in Sections 4, 9, and 10, Township 16 North, Range 06 East, W.M., Pierce County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on August 25, 2003. We will consider comments on this proposed Determination of Nonsignificance received by 4:30 p.m. on September 8, 2003. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@wadnr.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**